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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON MAY 5 ISRAELI CABINET MEETING

1. DAVAR MAY 6 STATES THAT GOI, IN ITS MAY 5 CABINET MEETING,
TOOK NO DECISIONS CONCERNING GOLAN HEIGHTS. ISRAEL REPORTEDLY WILL NOT

TAKE ANY DECISION CONCERNING A DISENGAGEMENT LINE AND IN PARTICULAR AS

REGARDS KUNEITRA UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY RETURNS FROM DAMASCUS AND
UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHETHER SYRIA IS INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT ON REALISTIC CONDITIONS. ACCORDING TO DAVAR,
GOI MAY 5 LIMITED ITSELF TO HEARING PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT ON
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SECRETARY FOLLOWED BY
DISCUSSION AMONG THE MINISTERS. OFFICIAL CABINET STATEMENT FOLLOWING
MEETING SAID ONLY THAT THE SAME SIX MINISTERS WERE AUTHORIZED
TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

CABINET MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED US-ISRAELI RELATIONS, SUBJECT
WHICH PRIME MINISTER HAD DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY. REPORTEDLY GOI HAS
ASKED US FOR SPECIFIC LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL

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COMMITMENTS, BUT PUBLICATION OF ANY FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON THIS WILL

NOT COME UNTIL AFTER ATTAINMENT OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT IN ORDER NOT TO NEGATIVELY AFFECT CHANCES FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT.

2. MAY 6 HAARETZ CONTAINS NO ACCOUNT OF CABINET MEETING OF MAY 5.

3. JERUSALEM POST MAY 6 SAYS CABINET MAY 5 WRESTLED THREE HOURS WITH VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER BUT REACHED NO OPERATIVE DECISIONS BEYOND AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION OF TALKS WITH SECRETARY. ACCORDING TO POST, CABINET WILL HOLD SEVERAL MORE SESSIONS THIS WEEK TO CONSULT ON NEGOTIATIONS. MAY 5. SESSION WAS HELD IN FORM OF MINISTERIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE SO AS TO BLANKET ITS DELIBERATIONS WITH SECRECY. CABINET SOURCE REPORTEDLY TOLD POST THAT GOI WOULD NOT CRYSTALLIZE ITS DISENGAGEMENT POSITIONS UNTIL SATISFIED WITH SERIOUSNESS OF SYRAIN INTENTION TO REACH AND ABIDE BY DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, AND THAT SYRIAN ACCEPTANCE OF MEANINGFUL BUFFER ZONE MANNED BY UNEF PLUS SUBSTANTIAL ARMS-LIMITATION ZONE WOULD BE CRITICAL INDICATOR.
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